

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In the Application of:**

**WILSON TAM ET AL.**

**CASE NO.: CL1253 US DIV**

**DIVISIONAL OF**

APPLICATION NO.: 09/399,261

GROUP ART UNIT: 1711

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EXAMINER: D. TRUONG

**FOR: POLYMERIC PHOSPHITE COMPOSITION AND  
HYDROCYANATION OF UNSATURATED  
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND THE  
ISOMERIZATION OF UNSATURATED NITRILES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**

**Washington, DC 20231**

**Sir:**

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following paragraph before the first paragraph on page 1:

This application is a divisional of application number 09/399,261, which was filed on September 20, 1999, at

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**(CLEAN VERSION)**

14. (Once amended) A composition according to Claim 13 wherein said polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of  $(OH)_m$ ,  $(R^4)Ar^1-Ar^1(R^4)(OH)_m$  and  $(OH)_m(R^4)Ar^1-A^1-Ar^1(R^4)(OH)_m$ ;  $Ar^1$  and  $A^1$  are the same as recited in Claim 13; and each  $R^4$  is independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkyl or cycloalkyl group, acetal, ketal,  $-OR^3$ ,  $-CO_2R^3$ ,  $C_6$  to  $C_{20}$  aryl group,  $-SiR^3$ , -